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# CIA's 'Chads' Infiltrated 3 College Groups in '70-71

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Newly released documents from the CIA's "Operation Chaos" show that the agency infiltrated dissident political groups at three universities in the United States in 1970 and 1971.

The groups infiltrated included the Young Socialist Alliance, the youth affiliate of the Socialist Workers party.

The heavily censored papers, comprising 141 pages, are the first "Operation Chaos" files to be released.

THE DOCUMENTS were made public over the weekend by the Political Rights Defense Fund, which represents the Socialist Workers party in a multimillion-dollar damage suit against the CIA and the FBI. The files were released to the fund in response to a court order in

connection with the suit.

The Socialist Workers charge the agencies with illegal harassment.

Also, the CIA has released to Socialist Workers party leader Peter Camejo less than half of its dossier on him after he requested it under the Freedom of Information Act. The agency said the rest of the material in his file is exempt from disclosure under the act.

A previously released CIA memo, dated in 1973, seven months before "Chaos" was reported to have been terminated, said the operation was "restricted to the collection abroad of information on foreign activities related to domestic matters."

INTERVIEWED yesterday on NBC News, CIA Director William E. Colby said the end of Operation Chaos "doesn't mean the

end of all counter-intelligence."

He indicated that the agency still is permitted to conduct surveillance of Americans abroad in certain cases, such as when a foreign intelligence service is trying to recruit them as agents.

However, the files on Camejo, the party's 1976 presidential candidate, show that the CIA kept track of virtually all his movements during trips abroad to meet with other socialist leaders. And the newly released documents show that, as late as November 1974, the CIA was circulating information about his activities to one of its overseas stations.

ALSO, SOME 50 pages of the files show the agency regularly received in 1970 information from "sources" about the overseas travels and writings of Socialist Workers leader Andrew Pulley.

The Rockefeller Commission report on the CIA said that Operation Chaos agents "were specifically used to collect domestic intelligence" on only three occasions, one of them in Washington and the other two not further specified.

INCLUDED in the "Chaos" documents is an unsigned memo dated February 1970 reporting on a Brown University seminar on the Mideast crisis.

"Black militants of undetermined political connections attended," the memo said, adding:

"According to a source in attendance, the meeting and speaker were oriented toward inciting revolution and anarchy in the U.S. Among the participants... were Black Panthers, various Arab students at Brown, and disenchanted members of the U.S. Jewish communities."

In a September 1970 memo, an agency employee wrote, "We have attached examples of leftist material being distributed free of charge at Boston University during registration week."

The source who obtained the material noted, the memo said, that "there were a variety of Marxist items also being sold such as revolutionary lapel buttons and a variety of pamphlets on socialism, Malcolm X and Woman's Liberation."

A memo dated May 3, 1971, was labeled "radical activity on campus of Utah State University."

It said the campus "is more politically active than most in the state. There is an active chapter of the Young Socialist Alliance. A number of small groups also exist but are not as important."

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